



# Journeys October 21

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*Newsletter for Dover/Kent County Metropolitan Planning Organization*



Halloween is here! BOO!! Walk Safe!







## Bowers Beach Bicycle and Pedestrian Study



The Dover/Kent County MPO is in the process of studying the bikeability and walkability of Bowers Beach. To this point, the MPO and it's participating engineering firm WRA have started to look at the 3.6 mile road into the town, done some surveying of the town, and documented alot of pertinent data (see Mike Ward's MAP OF THE MONTH below).

The MPO also is currently doing a survey for public comments regarding the study and any improvements the public would like to see implemented. You can find and take this survey here:

<https://doverkentmpo.surveyparrow.com/s/Bowers-Survey/tt-4a811e>

If you have any questions about the study, you can email James Galvin at [james.galvin@doverkentmpo.org](mailto:james.galvin@doverkentmpo.org).



*1 - Mike Ward's Map of the Month - Map of Bowers Beach*

## 2 TIP AMENDMENTS NOW POSTED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT



The Dover/Kent County MPO is proposing amendments to their FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Plan. The proposed TIP amendments are available on the MPO website ([www.doverkentmpo.org](http://www.doverkentmpo.org)) and open for public comment until November 3, 2021 when it will be voted on by the MPO Council for adoption.

The primary changes from the original FY2020-2023 TIP are :

- A connection/extension of the proposed West Camden Bypass at the intersection with US13, it will then head Northeast on new alignment to a proposed roundabout on SR10.

- Installation of color screens on-board fixed route buses to provide visual and audible real-time information showing next stop arrivals, safety messages, detours, breaking news, and weather updates to allow passengers to plan a safe and enjoyable journey.

Any comments or concerns can be sent to Helen Wiles, Public Outreach Manager for the MPO. Ms Wiles can be reached by phone at 302-387-6026 or email at [helen.wiles@doverkentmpo.org](mailto:helen.wiles@doverkentmpo.org).

The Dover/Kent County Metropolitan Planning Organization is a federally mandated not-for-profit that works with local, state and federal governments along with local transportation organizations to ensure that transportation planning and projects are done in compliance with Federal law to include the Federal Clean Air Act and the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST).

For more information on the Dover/Kent County MPO, please visit [www.doverkentmpo.org](http://www.doverkentmpo.org) or call Helen Wiles at 302-387-6026.

## From Delaware Commute Solutions



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## October Events -Temporary Road Closures and Lane Restrictions

Dover-The Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) announces that motorists can expect temporary road closures and lane restrictions with an interruption to traffic for the following special events in October.

**Milford Community Parade-Milford on Wednesday, October 20, 2021** The Annual Milford Community Parade will start at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, 20, 2021 at 201 South Walnut Street and end at Milford High School grounds. During the parade, Walnut Street will be closed to traffic. Motorists should choose an alternate route in Milford.

For further information, please contact [www.MilfordParade.com](http://www.MilfordParade.com)

**Delaware State University Annual Homecoming with Parade-Dover on Saturday, October 23, 2021** Motorists can expect possible lane restrictions and delays in traffic beginning at 10:00 a.m. for the Annual Homecoming Parade on Lookerman Street in downtown Dover on Saturday, October 23, 2021. After the parade, a football game will be held at the Delaware State University's Alumni Stadium. The main entrance will be closed at Delaware State University.

For more information, please contact Delaware State University at [www.desu.edu](http://www.desu.edu)

**University of Delaware Homecoming-Newark on Saturday, October 23, 2021** Motorists can expect delays in traffic in downtown Newark surrounding the University of Delaware beginning at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 23, 2021. There will also be a lane closure on northbound Route 896 to allow free flow traffic coming from I-95 southbound. The lane closure will be in place starting at 7:00 a.m. and will be cleared by 1:00 p.m. The football game will be held at the University of Delaware's Delaware Stadium.

For additional information, please contact University of Delaware at [www.udel.edu](http://www.udel.edu)

**Sea Witch Festival-Rehoboth on Friday, October 29, 2021 through Sunday, October 31, 2021** Annual Sea Witch Festival will be held in Rehoboth beginning on Friday, October 29, 2021 through Sunday, October 31, 2021.

Rehoboth Avenue will be closed to east/west traffic from the roundabout to the boardwalk on Saturday, October 30, 2021 at 2:00 a.m. North/South movements can occur at 1st and 2nd Streets until 9 a.m. at which time all traffic will be halted for the parade and will reopen after the costume parade approximately at 3:00 p.m. Access to from Route 1 to Rehoboth Avenue will be closed at 10 a.m.

For further information, please contact [www.beach-fun.com](http://www.beach-fun.com)

DeIDOT advises all motorists to allow extra time to reach your destination, slow down, and obey traffic laws. DeIDOT and the Delaware State Police will be on site to monitor traffic.

Motorists can review DeIDOT online <https://www.deldot.gov/> and on your cell phone and/or tablet at <https://www.deldot.gov/mobile/> for updated travel-related information or tune to WTMC 1380 AM.

The DeIDOT App is available for Android and iPhone users and can be downloaded free at the Google Play and Apple stores, search for "DeIDOT." WTMC 1380 AM is also available through the DeIDOT App.

## Bridge Dedication Ceremony in Honor of Staff Sergeant Luke C. Yetter

The Department of Transportation (DeIDOT) joined Senator Bruce Ennis, Representative William Carson, Gold Star parents Rebecca and James M. "Fred" Yetter, Gold Star Representative for Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 83 and a Gold Star Sister Judy C. Campbell, Delaware Patriot Guard, family and friends to dedicate and name the bridge over Leipsic River in Honor of Staff Sergeant Luke C. Yetter.

Senator Bruce Ennis and Representative Bill Carson, both state elected officials are pleased to show support for veterans by having the bridge named in Honor of Staff Sergeant Luke C. Yetter. Both legislators are actively involved in veteran affairs.

Staff Sergeant Luke C. Yetter was a graduate of Polytech High School and Delaware Technical and Community College, where he earned a degree in electronics. Upon graduation, he joined the U.S. Army. His first duty assignment and station was with Alpha Company, 2/227, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas. Staff Sergeant Yetter was deployed in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM in Afghanistan, where he served as an intermediate level Maintenance Technician and AH-64 Crew Chief.

Staff Sergeant Yetter served as a Fully Mission Qualified Crew Chief from 2014 through 2017, excelling in multiple areas and in combat to include a Presidential directed contingency operation in 2015, as the most junior Alpha Company Crewmember. Over this period of service, Staff Sergeant Yetter logged more



than 150 hours on a Little Bird and spent thousands of man-hours performing world-class maintenance and low-visibility operations. After his diagnosis of brain cancer, Staff Sergeant Yetter continued to perform with the excellence, drive, and commitment that has become the hallmark of a Night Stalker.

During his illness, he became a member of Wounded Warriors Project Team. Staff Sergeant Luke C. Yetter passed away on Monday, February 12, 2018, after a courageous battle with brain cancer.

The bridge over Leipsic River will now officially be known as Staff Sergeant Luke C. Yetter bridge.

## DART First State Receives Grant to Expand Electric Bus Fleet

As part of a continuing effort to reduce emissions and be more environmentally friendly, the Delaware Transit Corporation (DTC) is pleased to announce it has received a fourth Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant of \$3,539,640 to purchase additional electric buses that will grow DART First State's alternative fuel fleet. The agency has now received more than \$9.1 million through these grants to support the purchase of electric buses.

DART is currently running 16 electric buses statewide, with 4 additional buses going into service this fall. The 6 additional buses to be purchased with the latest grant will bring the fleet total to 26 electric buses, or about 10% of the current fixed route diesel buses.

Electric buses last longer, are cleaner, easier to maintain, produce zero emissions and offer the same capacity for riders compared to their diesel relatives. They produce 90 percent fewer particulates (hydrocarbon and carbon monoxide emissions and 60 percent fewer oxides of nitrogen). One bus can travel up to 250 miles on a single charge. With fast charging stations throughout the state, drivers can quickly recharge so buses can continue to run all day.

Delaware's Congressional Delegation of Senators Tom Carper and Chris Coons, along with Congresswoman Lisa Blunt Rochester, (all D-Del.) have fought for funding to decrease carbon emissions and support electric vehicles and buses, and the infrastructure to support it.

"Through this grant from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the Delaware Transit Corporation (DTC) will be able to purchase several additional electric buses for use throughout the state," said Sens. Carper, Coons and Rep. Blunt Rochester. "Continued investments in electric vehicles, like the DART First State Electric Buses, will help move Delaware forward toward a more environmentally and energy-efficient state. We're proud of DART for committing to a greener and cleaner future for Delaware and look forward to securing additional funding at the federal level to increase Delaware's fleet of electric buses."

Governor John Carney added, "Just last week, I signed [Senate Bill 21](#), amending the Delaware Energy Act to encourage the adoption of electric vehicles by creating a more accessible charging-station infrastructure in the First State. I am proud that our state agencies are also adopting the use of electric vehicles, especially for public transportation that results in less air pollution from buses that operate continuously throughout the day."



"The need for alternative modes of transportation grows daily as does the need for cleaner transportation. We are grateful for this grant and the opportunity continue to explore ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions while continuing to provide the highest quality transportation services to the community," said Secretary of Transportation Nicole Majeski.

The first FTA grant of \$2,029,300 for the purchase of six electric buses are currently operating in and around Dover. The second grant of \$1,000,000 for the purchase of an additional ten electric buses operating in Wilmington and Rehoboth Beach. DTC received a third grant of \$2,600,000 for four electric buses to supplement the busy resort season in late summer of 2021.

The Delaware Transit Corporation, a subsidiary of the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT), operates DART First State. For more information, please visit [DartFirstState.com](https://www.dartfirststate.com) or call 1-800-652-DART. Real-Time Bus Information and DART Pass, the mobile fare payment option, are both available on the free DART Transit App (iOS and Android).

Where will the MPO Parklet be next?

DOVER/KENT COUNTY MPO  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Welcome to  
our Parklet!

Tell us what you  
think. Scan the  
QR code to do a  
short survey!

We have nothing on the books right now, but you can see the parklet by coming to the MPO office on 1783 Friends Way in Camden and coming to the 3rd floor. The parklet is set up in our lobby!

See our latest DMV ad, and come take the survey!



<https://sway.office.com/XONJFMDFRMRpRIT2#content=A4achxIS8a0anq>

2 - Don't forget to stop by and take a survey after watching!

<https://doverkentmpo.surveyparrot.com/s/DMV-Awareness-Survey/tt-888259?>

## Upcoming Meetings





*3 - Due to the rise in Covid Cases recently, we are going back to virtual meetings. Please keep abreast on what is happening with our meetings on our website.*



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